CITY OF RICHMOND 30-DAY NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Richmond intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the following described project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as amended, and the City of Richmond's Guidelines and Procedures for Implementation of CEQA.

Project Name: Cherry Blossom Row Townhome Project (PLN20-331)

Project Applicant: CITY VENTURES

444 SPEAR STREET, SUITE 200 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

Project Location: 2301 Columbia Avenue, City of Richmond, County of Contra Costa

Assessor Parcel No.: 507-251-015, -020, -021

Project Description: City Ventures, the applicant, is proposing to develop a 4.74-acre site located in the Southwest Annex neighborhood in the southern end of the City of Richmond with a landscaped residential community of 100 townhome-style condominiums. The applicant is requesting rezoning of the project property from CG – General Commercial to an RM1 – Medium Density Multi-Family Residential. At least 10 percent of the proposed new housing units would be affordable to moderate-income households. The project site is comprised of three parcels: two contiguous parcels located west of Napa Street and a separate parcel located east of Napa Street. There is existing residential development on the west side of Napa Street. This development would be retained and is not part of the proposed project. The three-story townhome-style condominiums with traditional architecture would be developed in 15 buildings ranging from triplexes to eight-plexes, separated by landscaped paseos and common open space. Five floor plans would be offered. The development will also contain amenities, including a community garden, landscaping, pathways, and small open space areas throughout the site to serve the Project residents.

<u>Planning Approvals</u>: The project would require approval of Rezoning from CG – General Commercial to RM1 – Medium Density Multi-Family Residential, a Vesting Tentative Map (VTM), and a Design Review Permit.

Review and Comment Period: Comments on the MND, sent in writing, must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 16, 2021, at the following address or email:

Emily Carroll
City of Richmond Community Development Department
450 Civic Center Plaza
P.O. Box 4046
Richmond, CA 94804
emily carroll@ci.richmond.ca.us

Report Availability: A copy of the MND is available for review online at http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4113/Cherry-Blossom-Row-Project. Copies are also available for review by appointment at the Community Development Department, City Hall, 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA, 94804. Call Emily Carroll at (510)620-5558 or email Emily Carroll@ci.richmond.ca.us. CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY: Due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 appointments to view the MND will be made available only to those not able to view to document online.

Start of Public Review: July 12, 2021 End of Public Review: August 16, 2021